

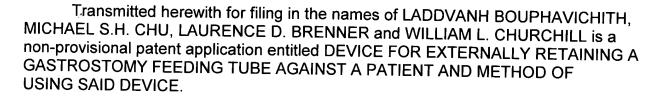
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- A specification of 25 pages with 3 independent <u>X</u> claims, 19 claims total.
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- An Assignment
- A Verified Statement of Small Entity Status
- An Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- An Information Disclosure Statement
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In re: U.S. non-provisional patent application entitled DEVICE FOR EXTERNALLY RETAINING A GASTROSTOMY FEEDING TUBE AGAINST A PATIENT AND METHOD OF USING SAID DEVICE.

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